REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	21 June 2004
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Barely Legal Latinas
Other Known Title(s):	21627 #21627 Release #D-AOC403
Director(s):	Not Applicable
Producer(s):	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	DVD Slick
Country of Origin:	USA
Language(s):	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running Time:

Trailers: Running Time:

Total Running Time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD Slick entitled *Barely Legal Latinas* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This classification is due to the manner in which the publication deals with matters of sex and, specifically, that it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The DVD slick is double sided and advertises two separate features in a generally crude and unsophisticated manner. The first side, entitled *Barely Legal Latinas* and advertising the associated DVD presents young women with a latino appearance who, while they may be over 18 years of age, are intended to represent young persons. The slick emphasises youth and innocence as qualities that enhance sexual desirability and portrays young women in general as viable sexual partners who are sweet and innocent yet sexually available and insatiable. In this manner, the publication tends to promote and support the exploitation for sexual purposes of these qualities in young women and therefore meets the criteria of s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The availability of this publication is likely to be injurious to the public good in legitimising such attitudes in the real world.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament’s intention that publications falling under s3(2) are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of “a free and democratic society” to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

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